

The much-prayed-for harmony in the state of New York is not immediately to be. It seems that one fool organization, a county association, objected to the doing away with an authoritative "code," and in the course of the legal examination it developed that through a technicality, a single objector could block the whole matter. So it is blocked, and nothing can be done for at least one or two years. One is strongly tempted to quote from "Chimmie Fadden," and say "What t'ell!"

The conditioned candidates at the last examination by the state board have all removed their conditions. Four slides were chosen and submitted to several practitioners, who agreed that they were perfectly fair and just examples to be used as tests. Each of the ten conditioned candidates took two slides at random, and was required to state what the subject of each slide was. The specimens were fibro-myoma, parenchymatous nephritis, atrophic cirrhosis of the liver and carcinoma of the rectum. Three applicants failed to correctly indicate a single slide; seven answered correctly one slide; no one reported correctly upon both slides. One candidate, a special student of pathology and bacteriology, and who has advertised to the profession exclusive work in pathology and bacteriology, thought that the fibro-myoma was a spindle-celled sarcoma, and the slide of parenchymatous nephritis was diagnosed as adeno sarcoma. It is not easy to say whether this reflects lack of training of the candidate or the little value to be placed upon the microscope alone and unsupported by any clinical data.

A physicians' directory, compiled and published solely for commercial reasons, is bound to be more or less unreliable. Our own Register and Directory may not be absolutely perfect, but it certainly does not contain the names of illegal practitioners, as does a very well-known national directory. Note the following illustrations:

Von Tiedemann, Carl W. W., A. M., Univ. of Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany; B. D. Sc., Ph. G., M. D. (R.), Univ. of Rostock, Mecklenberg-Schwerin, Germany; Pacific Coast Regular Coll. of Med., San Francisco, Cal., 1902; Matriculant, Univ. of California and Univ. of Edinburgh; Dean and Prof. of Surg., West Coast Med. Coll., San Francisco; Former Prof. Surg. Pacific Coast Regular Coll. of Med.; Surg-in-Chief Western Pacific Hosp.; Pres. Med. and Surg. Soc. of the State of California and Appointee of Said Soc. as Mem. State Board of Med. Examiners; 1431 Mission. Tel. Private, South 1180.

Gerino, John B., M. D. (R.), Institute Civico Civile Torino, Italy, 1880; Univ. of Torino, Italy, 1882; German Med. Coll., Chicago, Ill., 1896; Post-Grad. Course Chicago Clinical School, 1899; Pacific Coast Regular Coll. of Med., San Francisco, 1900; specialty Diseases of Women and Venereal Diseases; Hours 8-9 A. M., 2-4 and 7-8 P. M. 2924 Van Ness ave. Tel. Red 2015.

The information concerning Messrs. von Tiedemann and Gerino was furnished by themselves, and at least several of the institutions listed in each case have no existence that we are aware of, save in the minds of these interested gentlemen. Gerino was the star performer in the case brought to the Supreme Court which settled the constitutionality of our state law; we are advised that he has now abandoned the illegal practice of medicine and has taken to the stage for a livelihood. Von Tiedemann has been arrested a number of times, and his trial will soon be heard.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council met on September 10th and transacted a good deal of business. Amongst other things, it arranged the councillor districts as follows: 1st, San Diego, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino; 2nd, Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern; 3rd, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey; 4th, Fresno, Kings, Tulare,

Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Stanislaus, Tuolumne; 5th, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Benito, Santa Cruz; 6th, San Francisco; 7th, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras; 8th, Sacramento, Amador, El Dorado, Alpine, Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Sierra, Yolo, Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Inyo, Mono, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou; 9th, Marin, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Solano, Napa.

The Council ruled that membership in a homeopathic or eclectic medical society constituted "supporting" sectarian medicine, and that consequently members of such societies could not be eligible for membership in affiliated county medical societies.

Herzstein Lectures; First Series.

Announcement has been made by the University of California of the first series of Herzstein Lectures to be delivered in October by Dr. Alonzo Englebert Taylor, professor of pathology, Medical Department. These lectures have been made possible through the generosity of Dr. M. Herzstein of San Francisco, who has not only given an admirable equipment for the new physiological laboratory, but has endowed this lectureship for the discussion of special problems in scientific medicine. The lectures will be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the students' observatory lecture room, and the public, particularly physicians and medical students, will be welcome. The general topic to be discussed by Dr. Taylor will be "Ferments and Fermentations." The program will be as follows: October 4th, "General Considerations; Definition of Types"; October 6th, "Kinetics of Katalysis; Present Application to Fermentations" (of biological order); October 11th, "Fermentation of Poly-Saccharides"; October 13th, "Fermentation of Mono-Saccharides; Alcoholic Fermentation." October 18th, "Fermentation of Protein"; October 20th, "Fermentation of Fats"; October 25th, "On the Chemical Nature of Ferments and the Chemical Nature of Fermentative Accelerations; Specific Fermentation"; October 27th, "Relations of Fermentation to Chemical Metabolism."

[P. S.—Just as the JOURNAL was about to go to press, we received further information regarding these lectures. The series will be given twice on the dates indicated, at 4 P. M., at Berkeley, and at 8 P. M., in San Francisco, at the Hopkins Institute of Art. The lectures are open to the public, and all physicians will be specially welcome. There are some minor changes in the wording of the titles.]

DEATHS.

Dr. Franz H. Coe, of Seattle, Wash., died at his home shortly after the close of the annual meeting of the Washington State Medical Society, July, 1904, at which session he was president of the society. The success of the meeting seems to have been due very largely to the ability and the activity of Dr. Coe, who, though realizing that his life span could be measured by days, kept that knowledge to himself, and did not allow it to dull the pleasure of the members in session. At the meeting of the Oregon State Society in 1903 Dr. Coe cited his own experience with nephritis, and reported that he felt perfectly well since having been operated on by Edebohls. (See JOURNAL, November, 1903, page 375, erroneously credited to Dr. "Henry W." Coe.) Shortly before the meeting of July, this year, Dr. Coe noticed that albumin was present in his urine in considerable quantities; yet he did not in any way abandon his work, preferring to die "in harness." His desire was fulfilled, for, after an operation which he performed at night, he sank into uremic coma in the carriage on his way home, and died a few hours later. Dr. Coe was a good man and a good doctor, and with extreme regret we record his death.